the subsequent inspections, the 'Unsatisfactory' grading of the work is improved to 'Satisfactory' grading. National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) monitors the submission of ATRs. The State Government are to take appropriate action against the concerned officers and the contractors, if the defects observed by Quality Monitors are of non-rectifiable nature.

Technology to ensure effective implementation of Central Schemes

3223. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to State:

(a) whether his Ministry is initiating measures to evolve technologies which ensure effective implementation of Central schemes and to ensure transparency;

(b) if so, whether the use of smart card/chip which the Government of Andhra Pradesh is using to implement NREGA is being considered to make use on large scale;

(c) if so, the details containing the introduction of technology to assess the implementation of schemes; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not taking measures to bring transparency and not considering the break through made in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) With a view to ensure implementation and transparency, Web-based information on all the Central schemes are kept in public domain. For National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and Social Security Pension (SSP) Schemes, smart card/chip technology was used in Andhra Pradesh as a pilot project in 8 mandals of Warangal and Karimnagar districts. It has been decided to launch this technology on a larger scale to cover the entire State of Andhra Pradesh in a phased manner. For this purpose, this technology will equally be useful for other banking services like savings, credit, deposits etc.

(d) Does not arise.

Extending financial support to ICRISAT

3224. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Biotechnology is extending financial support to International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) for the setting up a Centre for Excellence in Genomics;

(b) what benefits the said ICRISAT Centre would provide to the country and out agricultural universities;

(c) whether any of our agricultural scientists would be imparted training at the said Centre and in which all areas the research would be focused;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has sanctioned a "Centre of Excellence